

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, June 28, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Stakoe, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (10/11)
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Baxter. (1/11)

Representative Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2006, supported by Representative Nitz. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5124 before the Committee.

HB 5124 Hune Counties; other; inspection and reproduction of records and files in the office of the register of deeds; clarify.

Cindy Denby, representing Representative Hune, reviewed the contents of the bill and an H-5 substitute with the Committee and answered questions.

Representative Robertson made a motion to adopt HB 5124 (H-5), supported by Representative Elsenheimer.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Schuitmaker, Donigan. (6/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: Representatives Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith. (2/11) (6/0/2)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Jerome Jelinek and Robert Meredith, representing the Michigan Land Title Association (MLTA), spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5124.

Todd Schmitz, representing Macomb County Clerk Carmilla Sabaugh, spoke in support of HB 5124.

Lori Wilson, representing the Montcalm County Register of Deeds and President of the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and Ginny McLaren, representing the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, spoke in opposition to HB 5124.

At this time, Representative Elsenheimer made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Nitz. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Bernard J. Youngblood and Herman Petzold, representing Wayne County, spoke in opposition to HB 5124.

Wanda Steudel, representing the National Association of Land Title Examiners and Abstractors, spoke in opposition to HB 5124.

Paula Johnson, Ingham County Register of Deeds, spoke in opposition to HB 5124.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to HB 5124.

The following individuals submitted cards indicating support for HB 5124:

Patricia Irving Cwiek, General Counsel for the MLTA
Ralph J. DeVitto, representing Data Trace Information Services
Michael J. Hagerty, representing the MLTA
Mary Lou Hartwek, representing the Van Buren County Abstract Office
Kevin Kossen, representing the MLTA and Chicago Title
Timothy McDonnell, representing the American Title Company of Livingston and the MLTA
Douglas McDougal, representing the MLTA and the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation
Gary Oppen, representing Landamerica
William Robinson, Jr., representing The Talon Group
Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors
Bill Zaagman, representing Ottawa County

The following individuals submitted cards indicating opposition to HB 5124 :

Jan Brinkert, representing the Lake County Register of Deeds
Joanne Brown, representing the Mecosta County Register of Deeds
Sharon Brown, representing the Isabella County Register of Deeds
Nancy Crawford, representing the Osceola County Register of Deeds
Darla Burghdoff, representing Barry County
Victoria Daniels, representing Lenawee County
Melissa DeVough, representing the Lapeer County Register of Deeds
Michelle Gray, representing the Benzie County Register of Deeds
Scott Haines, representing the Midland County Register of Deeds
Robert Holcomb, representing the Ingham County Register of Deeds
Bonnie House, representing the Gladwin County Register of Deeds

Nancy Hutchins, representing Branch County
Cynthia Jarratt, representing the St. Joseph County Register of Deeds
Lori Jarvis, representing the Berrien County Register of Deeds
Craig Jones
Lori Kimble, representing the Shiawassee County Register of Deeds
Linda Landheer, representing Newaygo County
Jan May, representing the Eaton County Register of Deeds
Pam Mayfield, representing Clare County
Wanda Muzik, representing Ogemaw County
Patty Niepoth, representing the Antrim County Register of Deeds
Mindy Reilly, representing the Jackson County Register of Deeds
Sally Reynolds, representing Livingston County
Patrick Scott, representing the National Association of Title Examiners and Abstractors
Marka Smith, representing the Van Buren County Register of Deeds
Lorie Sorenson-Smith, representing the Wexford County Register of Deeds
Teresa Walker, representing the Montmorency County Register of Deeds and the
Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds
Joyce Watts, representing Allegan County
Carol Wooley, representing the Clinton County Register of Deeds

Mary Hollinrake, representing the Clerk/Register of Deeds for Kent County, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 5124.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Stakoe declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:09 a.m.

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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